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SUBJECT: VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS SPACE PHOTOGRAPHIC
ASSISTANCE.

1. CHAIRMAN RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION OF STATE OF VICTORIA HAS REQUESTED POST'S ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF FLOOD CONDITIONS ALONG RIVER MURRAY. PHOTOGRAPHS ARE REQUIRED ON AN URGENT BASIS BECAUSE OF PRESENT FLOODING AND WATER LOGGING OF RECORD PROPORTIONS. IF IMAGERY CAN BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS IT WOULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN PREVENTING RECORD CROP AND PROPERTY DESTRUCTION AND POSSIBLY LOSS OF LIFE.

2. THE MAP REFERENCES OF THE DESIRED CENTER OF THE IMAGERY ARE FROM LATITUDE 36 DEGREES SOUTH, LONGITUDE 147 DEGREES EAST, TO 36 DEGREES SOUTH 144 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST AND FROM LATITUDE 36 DEGREES SOUTH LONGITUDE 144 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO LATITUDE 34 DEGREES SOUTH LONGITUDE 142 DEGREES EAST.

3. ERTS IMAGERY OF THE FLOODED AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED FROM JOHN BOECKEL, NASA, GREENBELT, BUT UNDERSTAND ERTS UNABLE TO PERFORM WORKIN SUFFICIENT TIME TO BE OF ANY BENEFIT.

4. COMMISSION HOPES THAT THE REQUIRED IMAGERY MAY BE PROVIDED
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BY EITHER SKYLAB OR SOME OTHER SATELLITE PROGRAM. POST

RECOMMENDS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO COMMISSION'S REQUEST SINCE THIS YEAR'S UNUSUALLY HIGH RAINFALL HAS CREATED PROBLEM CONDITIONS IN MUCH OF VICTORIA. SINCE RIVER MURRAY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DRAINAGE BASINS IN SOUTHEAST AUSTRALIA, ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO ASSIST IN PREVENTION OF A DISASTER WOULD, OF COURSE, BE OF UTMOST BENEFIT AND GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF POSSIBILITY TO PROVIDE IMAGERY EXISTS.
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